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Croatian Import Market for Bovine Genetics 2003

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Report Highlights: Farmers in Croatia have typically raised dual-use cattle for the combined production of meat and milk. Market trends, insufficient domestic production, and overseas competition are forcing producers to specialize in either dairy or meat production. This is leading to increased import opportunities for high quality Holstein genetics. Officially, in 2002, Croatia imported bovine semen (HS 05111000) valued at \$112,000. This report contains recent trade statistics for bovine genetics in Croatia.

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There appears to be little 'sentimental' resistance by Croatian farmers the use of Holstein cattle and the breed is in fact sought after. The President of the Meat and Slaughtering Industry Association recently noted that Croatia has about 280,000 breeding cows but needs 400,000 to meet domestic demand for dairy and meat products. In 2002, according to the Croatian Livestock Selection Center, purebred Holsteins accounted for only about 20 percent of the dairy herd while Simmental made up 74 percent (this organization tracks about 220,000 head of cattle). Artificial insemination rate is 75 percent and the rest 35 percent of farms that don't have artificial insemination are small farms in remote areas.

Imports of the live cattle from Western Europe are not currently allowed due to concerns over BSE. Bigger private dairies do import heifers and pregnant heifers from Israel, Australia and Canada. In addition to live cattle, they are interested in importing bovine semen and embryo transfer. There are no tariffs on imports of bovine semen. Import document requirements can be found on web page <http://www.veterinarstvo.hr/import/index.htm>. In addition to the import requirements, semen or embryos may be tested by Croatian inspectors at a Croatian laboratory. (For additional reports related to cattle and milk production in Croatia, see HR2007, HR2004).

| IMPORT TABLE | | Year of import | | |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| | | 1999. | 2000. | 2001. |
| Tariff number | Description COUNTRY | Quantity in MT/\$ | Quantity in MT/\$ | Quantity in MT/\$ |
| | | | | |
| 010210100 | Bulls for reproduction | Total 4/7,474 | Total 10/18,193 | Total 7/12,777 |
| | | | | |
| | France | 1/1,328 | 0 | 0 |
| | Hungary | 3/6,146 | 1/578 | 5/6,365 |
| | Germany | 0 | 4/12,315 | 0 |
| | Slovenia | 0 | 5/5,300 | 0 |
| | Holland | 0 | 0 | 3/6,412 |
| | | | | |
| 010210208 | Cows for reproduction | Total 42/54,798 | Total 0 | Total 0 |
| | | | | |
| | Hungary | 42/54,798 | 0 | 0 |
| | Austria | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Holland | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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|------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Germany | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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| 010210305 | Young cows for reproduction | Total 1113/1,845,792 | Total 2,109/ 3,101,248 | Total 2106/3,497,905 |
| | | | | |
| | Austria | 578/916,757 | 753/3,101,248 | 1431/1,908,316 |
| | France | 1/1,028 | 0 | 0 |
| | Holland | 37/83,194 | 581/1,122,188 | 587/1,463,452 |
| | Germany | 497/844,813 | 755/1,122,188 | 0 |
| | Hungary | 0 | 0 | 87/126,137 |
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| 051110005 | Bovine semen | Total 0/11,538 | Total 0/27,477 | Total 17,898 |
| | | | | |
| | Austria | 0/2,683 | 0/1,983 | 0/17,898 |
| | Germany | 0/8,370 | 0/24,747 | 0 |
| | Slovenia | 0/530 | 0 | 0 |
| | US | 0 | 0/747 | 0 |

| EXPORT TABLE | | Year of export | | |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | | 1999. | 2000. | 2001. |
| Tariff number | Description COUNTRY | Quantity in MT/\$ | Quantity in MT/\$ | Quantity in MT/\$ |
| | | | | |
| 010210100 | Bulls for reproduction | Total 0 | Total 1/3,714 | Total 0 |
| | | | | |
| | Romania | 0 | 1/3,714 | 0 |
| | | | | |
| 051110005 | Bovine semen | Total 0/10,804 | Total 0/3,411 | Total 0 |
| | | | | |
| | Bosnia and herzegovina | 0/10,804 | 0/3,411 | 0 |

Data source: Croatian Statistical Institute